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**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

1           1. (currently amended) A heatable ice scraping apparatus, comprising:  
2           a body portion defining a chamber;  
3           a blade portion connected to said body portion and defining an interior space in  
4           communication with said chamber, said blade portion having at least one peripheral  
5           blade edge; and  
6           a heatable material positioned in said chamber for temporarily storing thermal energy  
7           whereby to cause a heat transfer to said at least one peripheral blade edge;  
8           a conductive element sandwiched between said body and blade portions for transferring  
9           said thermal energy from said heatable material to said peripheral blade edge;  
10          wherein said conductive element is in communication with said heatable material; and  
11          wherein said conductive element extends beyond said at least one peripheral blade edge  
12          whereby to form a scraping blade.

1           2. (original) The ice scraping apparatus as in claim 1 wherein said heatable  
2           material includes a microwavable gel.

1           3. (original) The ice scraping apparatus as in claim 1 wherein said body portion  
2           and said blade portion include a monolithic construction.

1           4-6 (canceled)

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1                   7. (original) The ice scraping apparatus as in claim 1 wherein said body portion  
2 includes:  
3           an outer wall; and  
4           an inner wall spaced apart from said outer wall so as to define an intermediate space  
5           therebetween, said intermediate space being a vacuum.

1                   8. (original) The ice scraping apparatus as in claim 1 wherein said body portion  
2 includes:  
3           an outer wall;  
4           an inner wall spaced apart from said outer wall so as to define an intermediate space  
5           therebetween; and  
6           an insulating material in said intermediate space.

1                   9. (original) The ice scraping apparatus as in claim 1 wherein said body portion is  
2 releasably connected to said blade portion.

1                   10. (original) The ice scraping apparatus as in claim 1 wherein said blade portion  
2 includes a configuration that is round.

1                   11. (canceled)

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1           12. (currently amended) A heatable ice scraping apparatus, comprising:  
2           a body portion defining a chamber and including a configuration for comfortably  
3           accommodating a person's hand, said body portion including an outer wall and an  
4           inner wall spaced apart from said outer wall so as to define an intermediate space  
5           therebetween, said space being a vacuum;  
6           a blade portion connected to said body portion and defining an interior space in  
7           communication with said chamber, said blade portion having at least one peripheral  
8           blade edge; and  
9           a heatable material positioned in said chamber for temporarily storing thermal energy  
10          whereby to cause a heat transfer to said at least one peripheral blade edge, said  
11          heatable material including a moist substance that contains some water and retains  
12          heat.

1           13. (canceled)

1           14. (currently amended) The ice scraping apparatus as in ~~claim 13~~ claim 12  
2          wherein said body portion and said blade portion include a monolithic construction.

1           15. (currently amended) The ice scraping apparatus as in ~~claim 13~~ claim 12 further  
2          comprising a conductive element sandwiched between said body and blade portions for  
3          transferring said thermal energy from said heatable material to said peripheral blade edge.

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1           16. (currently amended) The ice scraping apparatus as in ~~claim 13~~ claim 12  
2           wherein:  
3           said body portion and said blade portion are removably connected;  
4           said conductive element is in communication with said heatable material;  
5           said conductive element is situated proximate to at least one outside surface of said at  
6           least one peripheral blade edge; and  
7           said conductive element is brass, bronze, or copper.

1           17. (currently amended) The ice scraping apparatus as in ~~claim 13~~ claim 12  
2           wherein:  
3           said body portion and said blade portion are removably connected;  
4           said conductive element is in communication with said heatable material;  
5           said conductive element extends beyond said at least one peripheral blade edge to act as a  
6           scraping blade; and  
7           said conductive element is a highly conductive that will not scratch glass.

1           18. (currently amended) The ice scraping apparatus as in ~~claim 13~~ claim 12  
2           wherein said body portion and said blade portion are removably connected.